IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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FÉLIX HENRY, ET AL.)	
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)	
ALERTING DURING :	
PROGRESSIVE DECODING OF)	
A DIGITAL IMAGE CODED :	
WITH A REGION OF INTEREST)	July 23, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination , please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4-6, 10-17, and 19 to read as follows. A marked-up version of those claims, showing the changes made thereto, is appended.

4.   Method according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the indication is a display of information data (201) on a screen.

5.   Data receiving method incorporating the alerting method according to Claim 1 or 2.

6.   Method for progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest, incorporating the alerting method according to Claim 1 or 2.

10.   Device according to Claim 7 or 8, characterised in that it includes means (6) for displaying information data on a screen.

11.   Data receiving device incorporating the alerting device according to Claim 7 or 8.

12.   Device for progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest, incorporating the alerting device according to Claim 7 or 8.

13.   Device according to Claim 7 or 8, characterised in that the detection and activation means are incorporated into:
        - a microprocessor (100),
        - a read-only memory (102) including a program for processing the data, and
        - a random-access memory (103) including registers suitable for registering variables modified in the course of the running of the said program.

14.   Apparatus (10) for processing a digital image, characterised in that it includes means suitable for implementing the method according to Claim 1 or 2.

15.   Apparatus (10) for processing a digital image, characterised in that it includes the device according to Claim 7 or 8.

16.   Storage medium storing a program for alerting during the progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest according to Claim1.

17.   Storage medium according to claim 16, characterised in that it is detachably mountable on a device according to Claim 7 or 8.

19.   Computer program on a storage medium and comprising computer executable instructions for causing a computer to alert during the progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest according to Claim 1 or 2.
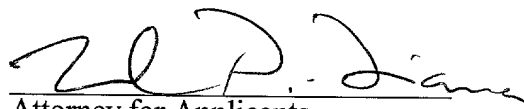
REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending . Claims 1 and 7 are independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES

4.   Method according to [any one of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the indication is a display of information data (201) on a screen.

5.   Data receiving method incorporating the alerting method according to [any one of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1 or 2.

6.   Method for progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest, incorporating the alerting method according to [any one of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1 or 2.

10.   Device according to [any one of Claims 7 to 9] Claim 7 or 8, characterised in that it includes means (6) for displaying information data on a screen.

11.   Data receiving device incorporating the alerting device according to [any one of Claims 7 to 10] Claim 7 or 8.

12.   Device for progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest, incorporating the alerting device according to [any one of Claims 7 to 10] Claim 7 or 8.

13.   Device according to [any one of Claims 7 to 12] Claim 7 or 8, characterised in that the detection and activation means are incorporated into:

- a microprocessor (100),

- a read-only memory (102) including a program for processing the data, and

- a random-access memory (103) including registers suitable for registering variables modified in the course of the running of the said program.

14.   Apparatus (10) for processing a digital image, characterised in that it includes means suitable for implementing the method according to [any one of Claims 1 to 6] <u>Claim 1 or 2</u>.

15.   Apparatus (10) for processing a digital image, characterised in that it includes the device according to [any one of Claims 7 to 13] <u>Claim 7 or 8</u>.

16.   Storage medium storing a program for alerting during the progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest according to [any one of Claims 1 to 3] <u>Claim1</u>.

17.   Storage medium according to claim 16, characterised in that it is detachably mountable on a device according to [any one of Claims 7 to 12] <u>Claim 7 or 8</u>.

19.   Computer program on a storage medium and comprising computer executable instructions for causing a computer to alert during the progressive decoding of a digital image coded with a region of interest according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] <u>Claim 1 or 2</u>.